

# SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES

Concordia's School of Continuing Studies offers undergraduate general education and elective courses delivered in accelerated online formats. SCS courses are designed for students to earn credits toward their degree completion in a flexible format to meet the unique needs of online learners. Through these intensive courses learners can earn up to 36 semester credits in approximately one calendar year. There are no educational prerequisites to enroll in these classes and visiting students are welcome to enroll.

Accelerated general education courses allow learners to:

- efficiently obtain general study requirements to prepare for an accelerated learning program;
- develop skills to be successful in academic work;
- earn foundational credits for a liberal arts education; and
- work towards a college degree, regardless of geographic location or time.

## Course Delivery

Courses are delivered online. In the online accelerated classes learners collaborate with a community of peers through chats, discussion boards, and email.

## Course Selection

Participants will be teamed with an advisor who will assist in creating a class schedule that fits with the student's work and personal life.

## School of Continuing Studies Tuition and Fees 2024-25

Per credit hour	\$420
Auditing (per class)	\$175

## Associate of Arts Degree: Online

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree provides learners with general education credits from various academic disciplines delivered through online education. General education courses provide students with a foundation for critically examining the world from unique perspectives. These courses also help prepare students for the major courses in their bachelor degree programs.

The Associate of Arts degree program totals 60 semester credits.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Requirements</b>		
SSS 125	Student Success Strategies	3
	Communication	3
	Writing	3
	Social/Behavioral Science (2 classes from two different disciplines)	6
	Humanities (2 classes from two different disciplines)	6
	Mathematics	3
	Science	4
THL 125	Introduction to the Bible	3

THL 345	Callings: Christianity and Vocation	3
Select 26 Elective Credits to reach 60 required credits		26
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

## Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Students complete 60 credits: AA General Education classes (see above) and the following 12 credits to complete the Early Childhood Emphasis:

Code	Title	Credits
CHD 400	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 410	Growth and Development of Children	3
CHD 435	Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Education	3
CHD 440	Children's Play and Learning	3

## Associate of Arts in Pre-Nursing

The Associate of Arts in Pre-Nursing prepares students for application to the University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Pre-Licensure program (<https://catalog.csp.edu/undergraduate/majors/nursing-bsn-pre-licensure/>). AA Pre-Nursing students will complete their general education course requirements and the necessary prerequisite coursework for the BSN Pre-Licensure program. Students should review the overall BSN Pre-Licensure admission criteria (<https://catalog.csp.edu/university-information/admission/adult-undergraduate-programs/>) to ensure awareness of minimum grade requirements in specific courses, GPA requirements, and other necessary admission criteria. Students interested in nursing programs at other institutions should review each institution's admission requirements as they typically vary between institutions.

Code	Title	Credits
General Education		
	Communication	3
	Humanities ( 2 classes from two different disciplines)	6
	Social Science (Non-Psychology Course)	3
ENG 121	College Writing	3
MAT 165	Quantitative Reasoning for Health Care Professionals *	3
BIO 120	General Biology I *	4
CHE 105	Chemistry for Health Sciences *	4
PSY 102	Introduction to Psychology	3
THL 125	Introduction to the Bible	3
	Electives <sup>1</sup>	13
Prerequisite and Co-Requisite Nursing Coursework		
BIO 300	Microbiology	4
BIO 315	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 316	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSY 150	Lifespan Development	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

\* Courses are also prerequisite or corequisite courses for the nursing program.

<sup>1</sup> It is recommended that students complete BIO 350 Medical Terminology and Traditional Nursing Students complete SCI 100 as an elective option.

**Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice**

Students complete 60 credits: AA General Education classes (see above) and in the 26 credits of electives area complete the following courses for Professional Peace Officer Education:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
CJU 372	Cultural Considerations in Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJU 378	Contemporary Issues in the Criminal Justice System	3
CJU 391	Forensic Exploration in the Criminal Justice System	3
CJU 448	Exploring the Criminal Mind and Identifying Suspect Behavior	3
CJU 457	Juvenile Justice	3
CJU 462	Constitutional and Criminal Law and Justice	3
CJU 473	Minnesota State Criminal Law and Traffic Codes	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>